



FROM THE Office of National Drug Control Policy

## **Watch President Obama Speak at the 2016 National Rx Drug Abuse and Heroin Summit**

*Administration Announces Additional Actions to Address the Prescription Opioid Abuse and Heroin Epidemic*

Dear Stakeholders,

I'm here in Atlanta at the 2016 National Rx Drug Abuse & Heroin Summit gearing up to hear the President speak on how we turn the corner on this national epidemic. Join me at 2:15pm (EST) today at [WH.Gov/Live](http://WH.Gov/Live) to watch President Obama's conversation with community leaders and advocates at the Summit, including people in recovery.

During his conversation, the President will talk about the challenges we face with prescription drug misuse and heroin use. He will also talk about the actions we are taking - and need to take - to prevent more people from developing opioid use disorders and to make sure those who want treatment can access it.

The President has made clear that addressing this epidemic is a priority for his Administration - and should be a bipartisan priority for all Americans. And that's why - building on his \$1.1 billion budget proposal to help every American seeking treatment get the care they need - the President announced additional public and private sector actions to help more families.

Today, the Administration is:

- Expanding access to treatment through doctors, community health centers, and state programs.
- Investing in partnerships between law enforcement and communities.
- Working to save more lives by making the overdose reversal drug naloxone more readily available to first responders.
- Ensuring those on Medicaid and CHIP can access mental health and substance use services as readily as medical services.
- Pulling together medical schools to train students on the newest CDC guidelines on prescribing opioid painkillers.

The President has made clear that addressing this epidemic is a priority for his Administration, and [today's actions](#) represent further steps to expand access to treatment, prevent overdose deaths and increase community prevention strategies.

Again, I hope that you can join me in watching the President talk about this epidemic today at 2:15pm (EST) at [WH.Gov/Live](http://WH.Gov/Live).

Thanks,

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